

talk about tax relief, it is great to get up and do all of these wonderful press releases, but when it is not paid for, it is just added to the debt. That is wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

I wish we would have an opportunity to work together on issues that impact all of our families across the Nation. Mr. Speaker, whenever I am in my congressional district in Houston, young mothers come up to me about their needs as relates to child care.

In fact, we could estimate the number of young mothers, single parents and of course families who are in need of child care is probably growing exponentially on a continuum. Our children are in need of care.

It is unfortunate that we would extend this child tax credit and make it permanent and add \$228 billion as part of the increasing deficit, and we do

nothing to expand the actual resources that go into child care.

I am a proponent of a tax credit; but I believe it should be paid for, and it also has to be reasonable, given to those who can utilize it because they have no other resources. While we are spending \$228 billion by putting us further in debt, we are actually not creating child care facilities that can help the thousands upon thousands and millions of parents around the Nation who in fact do not have the ability to have children in their homes, but need the actual facilities which are in fact decreasing by the day because they do not have the resources.

So if my message is anything today it is that, one, child care should be bipartisan; and the tax credit should work, meaning it should be paid for. The income level should not be extended; low-income parents should be included and embraced. And then we need to answer the question when these parents come up to us in our congressional district, where can they go to take their children? Where are the child care facilities and where are the resources to support the child care facilities, and those that are both li-

censed and good and careful and caring for the children, and provide educational resources? Where are the dollars for Head Start that is a form of child care as we have seen the number of grown people who are products of Head Start? We are decreasing Head Start. Yet we go \$228 billion in debt rather than provide a tax credit that the Rangel substitute provides that answers all of our concerns.

I am disappointed this is not a bipartisan effort because I want the message from the United States Congress to be that we have concerns about child care and the needs that parents have in this particular credit.

In particular, as a woman who faced that question on a daily basis in raising her own children, and I know men have as well, it is a disappointment that we cannot be unified around this particular question. I ask my colleagues to support the Rangel substitute, I ask that we not go into debt, and I state that our number one question is to provide child care facilities, in urban and rural areas, where families can actually take advantage of them. Our job is not yet finished on that need!

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BALLANCE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Ms. LOFGREN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 6:00 p.m. on account of a family commitment.

Mr. MCINTYRE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 5:00 p.m. on account of family medical reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCDERMOTT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KLINE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KLINE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HASTERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BACHUS, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 213. An act to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Resources.

S. 524. An act to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Resources.

S. 943. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming, to the Committee on Resources.

S. 960. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in

the State of Hawaii and to amend the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2000 to modify the water resources study, to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1107. An act to enhance the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program for the National Park Service, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1576. An act to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1577. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming, to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

S. 2178. An act to make technical corrections to laws relating to certain units of the National Park System and to National Park programs, to the Committee on Resources.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 408. An act to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

H.R. 708. An act to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 856. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and for other purposes.